

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-5 and 9 remain pending herein. Claims 1 and 9, the two pending independent claims, have been amended to recite subject matter indicated in the June 28, 2007 Office Action as being allowable, by incorporating claims 10 and 11, respectively.

It is respectfully submitted that entry of the present Amendment would be proper under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 since the amendments (a) revise the pending claims such that the claims cover only subject matter indicated by the U.S. PTO as being allowable and (b) address all issues contained in the Office Action. Accordingly, entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested.

The bottom paragraph of page 8 of the June 28, 2007 Office Action indicates that claims 10 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended as set forth above to incorporate the subject matter of claims 10 and 11, respectively, such that claims 1 and 9 correspond with claims 10 and 11, rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 1 and 9 are allowable. Claims 2-5 each ultimately depend from claim 1, and therefore are also allowable. Accordingly, claims 1-5 and 9, i.e., all of the pending claims, are allowable.

Claims 1, 2 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Cisco in view of Magalhaes and Bearden. As noted above, claims 1 and 9 have been amended to recite only subject matter indicated by the U.S. PTO as being allowable, and claim 2 depends from claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the U.S. PTO reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Claims 3-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Cisco in view of Magalhaes and Bearden, further in view of Carley. Claims 3-5 each ultimately depend from claim 1, which contains only subject matter indicated by the U.S. PTO as being allowable. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the U.S. PTO reconsider and withdraw this rejection.


In view of the above, claims 1-5 and 9 are in condition for allowance.

If Examiner West believes that further contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

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